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Twin Cities Hosts Rally to Mark International Overdose Awareness Day
Event Calls for an End to the Nation's Addiction Epidemic

WHO: Steve Rummler Hope Foundation is joining forces with several local organizations to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day in the Twin Cities. Together, the organizations will host a rally in front of the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse. Speakers will include Lexi Reed Holtum, executive director of the Steve Rummler Hope Foundation, Senator Chris Eaton, Representative Dave Baker and U.S. Attorney Andy Luger. The rally will be followed by a candlelight vigil at All God's Children Church.

WHAT: International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event to raise awareness about overdoses, reduce the stigma around drug-related deaths and remember those lost to addiction. In the Twin Cities, it will be marked by a rally to create one voice calling for an end to the epidemic of addiction and overdose deaths as well as a candlelight vigil to mourn loved ones lost to addiction and raise awareness to prevent further tragedy.

WHEN: The rally takes place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31. It will be followed at 7 p.m. by the candlelight vigil.

WHERE: The rally will take place at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse located at:

300 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

The vigil will take place 2.5 miles away at All God's Children Church located at:

3100 Park Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

About Steve Rummler Hope Foundation

Judy and Bill Rummler founded the Steve Rummler Hope Foundation in honor of their son Steve, who died of an opioid overdose in July 2011. The mission of the Steve Rummler Hope Foundation is to heighten awareness of the dilemma of chronic pain and the disease of addiction, and to improve the associated care process. The foundation creates solutions to this epidemic through its three programs: prescriber education, advocacy, and overdose prevention through naloxone distribution.